

Madison County Weed Board

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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for September 11, 2008 was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Charlie Gilman, Program Assistant Dale Grose, Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Office Assistant Janie Alt, Compliance Tech, Sam Korsmoe. Absent were Board members Ted Coffman & Chuck Buus

John made motion to approve the August 21, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Charlie seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program : Aerial is scheduled to take place the week of the 22nd. Margie spoke with DNRC about the State piece just below the observation pullout on the VC hill. She said she will speak with Chuck Maddox, DNRC, and try and work out details. She also asked the Board that if DNRC could not get the funding until their next fiscal year to do the aerial if the Weed Board would be willing to carry them until funding was available. Margie said along with DNRC & the private landowners participating in the aerial for that area she plans on doing about 1400 acres.

Madison River Project is complete. All but about \$100 was expended which will go into cost share.

Margie stated that the crew has finished the State piece just south of McAtee bridge that was missed by the Sheep Pilot Project. BLM will be paying for the work done.

BLM also gave an extra \$23,000 for year end money. Most will go to do aerial spraying.

Margie spoke with the landowners in Twin Bridges where a Salt cedar tree was found. The landowners agreed to have it removed.

Personnel: Down to one crew of 3 people.

Equipment: Dale reported to the Board that all 4-wheelers are up and running. He will start winterizing the equipment in the couple weeks.

Alder Facility: Margie had discussed earlier with Commissioner Schulz & Weed Board member Ted Coffman about putting on an addition to the old County road shop which will be the new home for the Weed Board shop. The addition would consist of office space and men & woman handicap accessible rest rooms. Dale presented the Board with a draft of the addition. Margie asked the Board there thoughts and the Board agreed that she should pursue with the addition.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Weed Management Plans: Charlie made motion to accept Weed Management Plans for Cal Creek & Herman Dellinger along with one Right-of-Way permit for Lark Smothermon as submitted. John seconded, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Coordinator Evaluation: Each Board member was given an evaluation sheet to be filled out and mailed back to Chairperson Betty Sykes by October 10th. The results will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Board Dinner: Will be at the Bear Claw, McAllister, Oct. 16th. Regular Board meeting will start at 3:00pm on the 16th.

Budget: 2840 acct. - \$39065.45

2140 acct. \$241,014.66

Other New Business Margie informed the Board that she will be attending the next town meeting and discuss with them some possibilities of doing some weed management in the town of Virginia City.

At the last meeting Margie discussed with the Board about the possibility of foregoing the 2nd notice. After reviewing the weed law Margie thought for the time being we should continue sending out the 2nd notice and maybe just shorting up the time frame to which the landowner has to respond. The Board was in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27

Next meeting will be October 16th @ 3:00p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Assistant